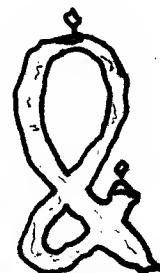
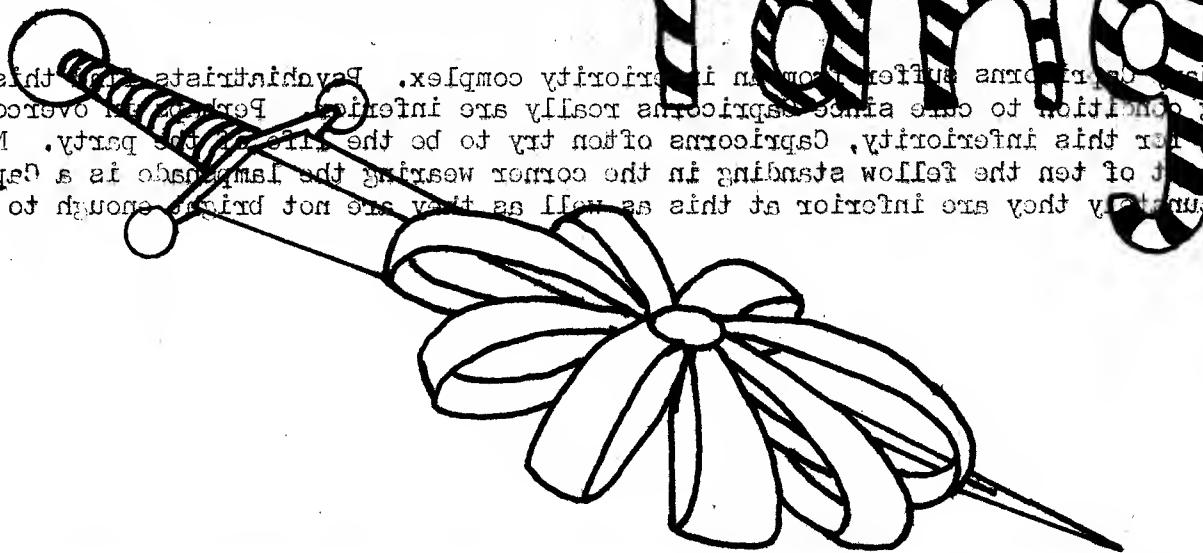


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This issue is dedicated to the ten new recruits in the Rhodesian cavalry. Never one to look a gift horse in the mouth, the Grey Scouts, the Rhodesian cavalry, accepted a donation of ten horses from a private South African group even though a potentially fatal flaw existed. The horses were white, making them easy targets in the bush country. The army therefore decided to turn them into dark horses.

Soldiers were dispatched to Salisbury's hairdressing salons in search of hair dye, which turned out to be in short supply. So the Grey Scout's commander decided that he and two army veterinarians would try to develop a tinting formula. Their first concoction succeeding in producing a horse of a different color--but it was not exactly what the army had in mind. Two horses came out a shade of primrose yellow. Three others turned bright orange. A sixth, treated with a solution that included gentian violet, emerged a glorious shade of purple that had its stable partners whinnying with laughter. (It is also unreliably reported that alcohol consumption in Salisbury took a drop.)

Undaunted, the army kept trying until it produced a solution that turned out to be just right--and which it is keeping secret. The ten formerly white horses are now a very suitable chestnut brown. One of them just spent two weeks in the bush and came out without a white root showing, the army spokesman said.

While they are not revealing their secret formula, I'm reminded that when I was in the army the colonel's driver shined his jeep with a can of brown shoe polish. We didn't have any whole horses in my unit....only a few posteriors.

DIS AND DATA

DIPLOMACY WORLD AND THE MIXUMAXU GAZETTE, two behemoths of Diplomacy magazines have folded. If you are a subscriber of DIPLOMACY WORLD you probably have already received your refund on your unused subscription. Lack of enough reader interest was given as the reason. Robert Lipton has likewise been returning subscription money. Lack of enough publisher interest was given as the reason. Bob will finish the games by carbon copy. It is interesting to note that CLAW & FANG is older than either of these publications. C&F celebrates its 6th anniversary next month.

HELP BEAT THE COST OF INFLATION, get free issues of CLAW & FANG. All you have to do is contribute articles, drawings, recipes, stories, etc to C&F. In return you will receive 4 issues of C&F for each published page. (1 issue per $\frac{1}{4}$ page.) Effective now this will also apply to Letters to the Editor if they are at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page. (Press does not count.) The subject matter need not be limited to Diplomacy and other war games. Any interesting subject is acceptable. Just because you are new to postal Diplomacy doesn't mean you don't have anything to say.

Especially wanted are (1) humorous pieces, (2) game reviews, (3) variant designs, (4) puzzles, and (last but not least) (5) Diplomacy articles.

FANG OF THE YEAR deadline is January 1. Just send in your nomination for the person, animal, plant, or thing that you think deserving to be named Fang of the Year and your reasons. The winning nominator will receive a free 6 months subscription to Claw & Fang. I don't usually get a lot of entries so send one in, you have an excellent chance of winning.

STANDBYS WANTED! New subscribers in particular are invited to be on the standby list. There is no charge for this, just drop me a note that you would like to be included.

MONTHLY HOROSCOPE

Capricorn (born Dec 22 to Jan 19)

Many Capricorns suffer from an inferiority complex. Psychiatrists find this a vexing condition to cure since Capricorns really are inferior. Perhaps in overcompensating for this inferiority, Capricorns often try to be the life of the party. Nine times out of ten the fellow standing in the corner wearing the lampshade is a Capricorn. Unfortunately they are inferior at this as well as they are not bright enough to read by.

THE ADVENTURES OF FANGMASTER IN FRANCE

Carcassonne: The Walled Wonder

One of my favorite cities in all of France is Carcassonne. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, Carcassonne looks like what a medieval city ought to look like, and, secondly, there is a Michelin one star restaurant there that is as lavish with its quantity as it is with its excellence of cuisine.

Carcassonne is actually two cities. The fortified Cite and the new town of Carcassonne. The new town dates from 1247 which gives an idea of the age of the Cite. The new town is where most everybody lives and most tourists stay and eat. It is what passes for a modern city with its one way streets, discount stores, scarcity of parking spaces, and the other amenities of modern living. Naturally, it is the Cite that is the focal point of tourists.

The Cite's roots (foundations) go back to the time of the Roman occupation but the famous walls were built in the middle ages. While most other cities in Europe only have fragments of their city walls remaining, Carcassonne has three complete walls. Two walls completely encircle the Cite and a third wall encompasses a "last ditch" area within the city. There is no charge to enter the Cite over the single bridge spanning the moat between the two outer walls. However, it is rumored that no tourist may leave unless his arms are loaded with purchases. Helpmate and I have never challenged that rumor for we always manage to exit a few francs lighter. On our most recent visit we picked up some small plates appropriately inscribed "Les fonctionnaires sont comme les livres d'une bibliotheque, les plus haut placés sont les moins utiles," "L'eau gâte le vin, le fonctionnaire le budget," and "Pour le fonctionnaire le travail est sacré, il n'y touche pas."

It is also possible to spend the night within the walls of the Cite...if you have made reservations well in advance. There are two hotels but the most famous is the Hôtel de la Cité. There are 53 rooms and some of them stand by the very brink of the ramparts. I have never stayed there but a friend of mine did. She was awakened in the morning by a group of tourists outside her window being guided along the top of the wall. I presume if I stayed there I would become one of the tourist attractions. (Maybe I should do so for a piece of the action.)

The Cite was not always so easy to enter. Its walls were not constructed merely to attract tourists. Carcassonne has been besieged several times. One of the most notable was the five year unsuccessful siege by Charlemagne. Legend has it that the siege was broken by a ruse. Whether true or not, the story goes that after five years the food supply of the inhabitants had virtually run out. The leader of the besieged, Madam Carcas, hit upon an idea. She took the Cite's last remaining pig, gathered together all the grain that was left and stuffed the pig with it. She then had it thrown off the wall where Charlemagne's troops came and got it. Upon seeing such a well stuffed animal after five years of siege, Charlemagne incorrectly concluded that the Cite must have enough food to hold out indefinitely so his army packed up and left. (This story is sometimes related with a goose instead of a pig.)

It is interesting to note that Uzerche, a city some 100 miles or so north of Carcassonne has as part of its history the story about how they had been under siege for seven years by the Saracens. Surrender seemed near. They took their last calf gorged to the limit with their last ration of corn and presented it to the emir of the Saracens. Yes, you guessed it, amazed at such abundance the siege was lifted.

I do know that some cities in France have been captured. Either the besiegers were readers of history or I can imagine some ruler such as Harold the Knucklehead in an economy move tried to get the siege lifted by dropping over the wall a rubber ducky filled with sawdust.

However, returning to Carcassonne, I must conclude by mentioning my favorite restaurant. This is not in the Cite or the city but on the outskirts of town. It is the Logis de Trencavel.

I won't go into all the food that we consumed there. Suffice it to say that the four of us started with an order of hors d'oeuvres for two. Out came 22 different kinds, each in its own little plate. The order for two would have served eight.

(continued overleaf)

The meal progressed through the fish course (frogs legs), the main course (cassoulet or chicken), and for dessert, the house specialty, Dulce Antilles, a concoction of ice cream, rum, pineapple, and a few other ingredients.

As usual, I was stuffed. (I've been there several times.) But I wasn't worried that anybody would throw me over the wall. After all, the only invasion now is by tourists, and nobody wants them to pack up and go home.

- 1 Bureaucrats are like the books of a library; the highest placed are the least useful.
- 2 Water ruins the wine; the bureaucrat the budget.
- 3 To the bureaucrat, work is sacred; he never touches any.

give claw & fang for christmas

THE PUZZLE PAGE

[The following puzzle is reprinted exactly as it appeared in PUZZLE-M (the publication of the puzzle Special Interest Group of Mensa). The fact that one of the turkeys was named Bruce is purely coincidental.....and funny.]

The Turkey Bruce Problem

Every Thanksgiving The Young Farmers' Association presents live turkeys, raised by the group's members to selected men of the community. This year, the recipients were the Messrs. Bradley, Draper, Graham, and Richards. Each turkey had been given a name: Bruce, Francis, Hector, and Napoleon. At each presentation ceremony the banker remarked that his middle name was Hector, so the president of the YFA gave him the turkey with the same name. From the clues below, can you determine each official's full name, his profession, and the turkey he received?

1. Both Keith and Mr. Richards have sons in the YFA.
2. Eugene is not the banker.
3. Francis weighed 24 lbs. Mr. Richards' turkey weighed 23 lbs, Alan's turkey weighed 22 lbs and the minister's turkey weighed 21 lbs.
4. The doctor did not receive Francis.
5. Ray did not receive Bruce.
6. The YFA's president presented the first turkey to the lawyer, the 2nd to Mr. Draper, and the 3rd to Eugene; Bruce was presented last.
7. Mr. Bradley and Ray belonged to different political parties.

(answer next month)

You Be The Gamemaster

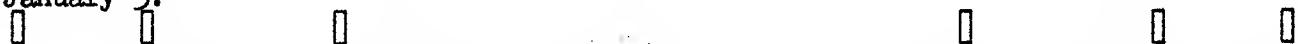
Adjudicated the following orders. Assume no other units are involved.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ENGLAND: F Bar-StP(nc) | RUSSIA: A StP H |
| F Fin S F Bar-StP(nc) | A Mos S A StP |
| F Both S F Bar-StP(nc) | |
| 2. ENGLAND: F StP(nc) S F Both-Fin | RUSSIA: A Fin H |
| F Both-Fin | |
| 3. FRANCE: A Bel-Lon | GERMANY A Hol-Bel |
| ITALY: A Bur S Fre A Bel | F Nth S A Hol-Bel |
| 4. ITALY: A Tus-Pic | |

(answers on page 8)

receive claw & fang for christmas

1975CA has ended in a EFIR draw in FALL 1919. Please send in your final statements by January 5.



There is still time to send in your reviews and/or comments on TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD. I plan to run these next issue.

Reynolds
Rap

HOW TO BE EFFICIENT WITH FEWER VIOLINS

or

How A Literal-Minded Industrial Engineer Analyzed A Symphony Concert

1. For considerable periods, the four oboe players had nothing to do. The number of oboes should therefore be reduced, and the work spread more evenly over the whole concert program, thus eliminating the peaks and valleys of activity.
2. All twenty violins were playing identical notes. This would seem to be an unnecessary duplication, so the staff of this section should be cut drastically. If a greater volume of sound is required, it could be obtained by means of an electronic apparatus.
3. Obsolescence of equipment is another matter warranting further investigation. The program noted that the leading violinist's instrument was several hundred years old. Now, if normal depreciation schedules had been applied, the value of this instrument would have been reduced to zero and the purchase of more modern equipment recommended long ago.
4. Much effort was absorbed in the playing of demi-semiquavers, which seems to be an unnecessary refinement. It is recommended that all notes be rounded up to the nearest semiquaver. If this were done, it would be possible to use trainees and lower-grade operatives more extensively.
5. In many cases, the operators were using one hand to hold their instruments. The introduction of a fixture would free that hand for other work. Also, it was noted that excessive effort was being used by the players of wind instruments; whereas, one compressor could supply enough air for all the instruments--under more accurately controlled conditions.
6. Finally, there seemed to be too much repetition of some of the musical passages. Therefore, scores should be pruned to a considerable extent. No useful purpose is served by repeating on the horns something which has already been handled by the strings. It is estimated that, if all redundant passages were eliminated, the whole concert time of two hours could be reduced to twenty minutes--and there would be no need for an intermission.

[Dave Reynolds doesn't know who the author of this piece is.]

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THE DIPLOMAT'S OTHER TABLE

Mendocino Egg Nog

by Konrad Baumeister

1 fifth brandy, one jigger rum, one quart cream, lightly beaten, one quart milk, six tbsp granulated sugar, nine egg yolks, nine egg whites.

Beat yolks with sugar. Continue beating lightly, slowly adding brandy, milk, rum, and finally cream. Beat egg whites stiffly and add. Chill in refrigerator for several hours. Serve in punch cups with grated nutmeg on top. (To use prepared egg nog, use 3 quarts of mix for above quantity of liquor.) About 20 servings, but I've never been able to squeeze that many out of it.

[In case you did know, Konrad publishes EGgnog. Send him a SSAE for a sample issue. His address: Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln., Hales Corners, WI 53130.]

MENSA 7 (1977CY)

SUMMER 1907: England F StP(nc) R Bar; Germany A Kie R Hol

FALL 1907: ENGLISH ISLES BEING OVERRUN BY FROGS.

AUSTRIA Reges (10): F MAO→NAO*, A Boh→Sil, A Mun* S A Kiel* H, A Sil→Ber, A War→Mos*, A Tri* H, A Ruhr→Bel CTRS: home, ser, rum, bul, sev, mun, war, mos, KIE, STP (12) build 2

ENGLAND Compton (5): F Iri→Lvp, F Bar* S F Nwy→StP(nc), F Eng→Bel, F Ska→Swe*, A Lva* CENTERS: /d/, lon, nwy, swe, syp (3) remove 2 □ S A StP* H

FRANCE Funkenbusch (7): F Lvp* H, F Cly→Edi*, F Bre→Eng, A Mar→Gas*, A Par→Bur*, A Bel* H, A Por→Spa* CENTERS: home, por, spa, bel, lvp, EDI (8) build 1

GERMANY Straten (3, 1 short): F Den* S A Hol→Kie CTRS: /d/, hol, den (2) even

ITALY Bassett (9): F WMed* S F Naf→MAO*, F Ion* H (unordered), F NAO→Nwg*, A Fie* S A Ven, A Ber* GER F Den→Kie, A Gre→Tun (no convoy), A Pru* S A Ber, A Ven* S A Pie CTRS: home, tun, ber, con, smy, ank, gre (9) even

WINTER 1907 and SPRING 1908 due January 10. All votes failed. Change of addresses:

Paul D. Funkenbusch, 110 W. South Ave, Houghton, MI 49931. Craig Reges (sec PRESS GAME)

FROM THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND IN HOLLAND TO AUSTRIAN UNITS ON KIEL: So this is how I am rewarded for voting yes on the A-I draw. My vote will be no until Kiel is once again in German hands or the English fleets wipe me out. Your armies will have a difficult time removing the free German Navy from Denmark. GERMANY VOTES NO ON ALL DRAWS.

MENSA 8 (1978AZ)

[WINTER 1903] SPRING 1904 RUSSIA ANNIHILATED, SWEDEN INVADED.

AUSTRIA Funkenbusch (7): [even] F Adr* S TUR F Ion, A Tri→Ser*, A Ven→Rom /d/ R(Tri,OTB)*, A War→Ukr*, A Bud→Rum*, A Tyo→Mun, A Boh→Gal*

ENGLAND Young (5): [build A Edi] F Bar→Nwg*, F Nwy→NthS*, F MAO→WMed*, A Edi* H, A StP→Lva*

FRANCE Bassett (7): F Tyn* S ITA F Nap, A Tus* S A Pie→Ven*, A Bre→Pic*, A Mar→Pie*, A Bel→Ruh*, A Mun* H [was even]

GERMANY Baumeister (4): [even] F Den→Swe*, A Gal→War*, A Hol→Kie*, A Ber* S FRE A Mun

ITALY Greenberg (3): [even] F Nap* S F Tun→Ion, A Rom* S FRE A Pie→Ven

RUSSIA Compton (1): [Remove A Fin] A Rum→Bul /d/ annihilated

TURKEY Straten (6): [even] F Aeg* S F Ion, F Apu→S& F Ion*C A Gre→Nap, F Con→Bul(sc), A Sev* S AUS A Bud→Rum, F Bla C RUS A Rum→China (NSU but a friendly gesture.)

FALL 1904 due January 10.

VIENNA: "There are scattered reports, your Highness. Villages attacked, missing people, even some German patrols wiped out, but apparently the Kaiser doesn't believe it's true. Princess Chu is going to try to take an army in to find Schlärbknuckle, maybe he'll know what to do."

SOMEWHERE IN GALICIA: "No, it can't be! It can't be true..... Aaaaaaaaaa!!"

BERLIN TO VIENNA: You will have to prove yourself, not me. I'm satisfied with what I've got; it is you that wants alliance.

ROME: The Cumberland line being complete, all forces begin their advance. Astronomical studies from Pisa indicate recent sunspot activity is at an end. How's the weather in Budapest?

EXILE'S DAILY: English gold buys Russian friendship.

MENSA 9 (No Boardman Number yet.)

[WINTER 1901] SPRING 1902: AUSTRIANS THROW "RUSSIAN DOGS" OUT OF BUDAPEST.

AUSTRIA Compton (3): [even] F Alb→Adr*, A Ser→Bud*, A Vie* S A Ser→Bud

ENGLAND Johnson (5): [build F Edi, A Lon] F Nwy→Ska*, F Nth* C A Lon→Nwy*, F Edi→Nwg*, A Bel* S FRE A Bur→Ruh (NSO)

FRANCE Bassett (5): [build F Bre, F Mar] F Por→Spa(sc)*, F Bre→Eng*, F Mar→Lyo*, A Spa→Mar*, A Bur* H

GERMANY Schmidt (5): [build F Kie, A Ber] F Den→Nth, F Kiel→Hel*, A Ber→Kiel*, A Hol→Bel, A Mun* H

ITALY Beaumont (3): [even] A Ven→Tyo*, A Tus→Ven*, F Ion* S TUR A Bul→Gre

RUSSIA Reynolds (6): [build A Sev, A StP] F Rum→Bla*, F Both→Swe*, A Sev→Rum*, A StP→Fin*, A Lva→StP*, A Bud→Ser /d/ R(Gal, Tri, OTB)*

TURKEY Hodgdon (4): [build F Smy] F Bla→Con*, F Smy→Aeg*, A Bul→Gre*, A Ank* H (unord.)

FALL 1902 due January 10. Link Beaumont's Apartment number is now 107.

VIENNA: Russian dogs, go home!!

(Additional press on page 9)

CONRAD'S CORNER:

[Conrad von Metzke's game has been filled and is underway. The following letter was sent to the players.]

P.O.Box 626
San Diago, CA 92112
November 21, 1978

Well, high their.

Rumour has it that you have agreed to play in a Diplomacy game in Don Horton's CLAW & FANG, a magazine of postal Diplomacy published by Don Horton. If this rumour is correct, you are reading this. If this rumour is in error, you are not reading this, please donpt respond. Thankyou.

Now, I haven't yet decided just how I intend to do this. It is possible that I will elect to print (i.e. Xerox at the university) my own sub-'zine, which then will have a name (presumably one of the names of the magazines I used to publish - COSTAGUANA, SAGUENAY, RENAME, TALABWO, THE GRAND CLIMACTERIC GREETERPILLAR, THE CONNUBIAL CHILD MOLESTER, DIE SCHULDIGKEIT DES ERSTEN UND VORNEHMSTEN GEBOTES K.35, FIGGLEQBOTCH, T.S., etc.). It is equally possible (that is not true, it is not equally possible, but since I don't know which is more possible than the other, I have to resort to a little mild prevarication) that I will elect to use the services of a third-party intermediary; a good candidate for this duty is a nice young fellow named Don Horton, who publishes his own excellent magazine, CLAW & FANG. (If you don't get it, you really should.) If I elect the latter, I will quickly become just a faceless name to you and you will never again hear from me directly. If I elect the former, you will very quickly wish I'd elected the latter. I dunno. I think what happens is either that I type up the game report and send it to Don, who then puts it on masters and mails it to players - that's "latter" - or I type up a ready-to-run master of my own, replete with expletives (note the alliteration of plosives), and mail that to Don, who runs it off and mails it out and turns a lovely shade of ochre. This pretty well makes my earlier bit about Xeroxing at the University wrong, doesn't it? Ah well.

Yes. Well, let us proceed to discuss this game. I am a comparative novice as a Gamesmaster, having run only 78 regular and 16 variant games in my seventeen years in the hobby (this counts the abortive first game I started in 1962, before postal Diplomacy existed), so you'll have to bear with me. I'll do my best. But to make the road smoother for all of us, I'd appreciate one of you doing me the favour of answering a few small questions:

1. What is a supply centre, anyway?
2. I can't quite tell from my misprinted map - does Tyrolia border Moscow or not?
3. Does anyone have a rulebook I can borrow?

The house rules to be used are my own, not Don's. (If you do not have a copy of Don's house rules, I suggest you send for a copy right away, as you won't be needing them.) Here are my house rules:

1. The 1971 rulebook is used.
2. Subject to the limitations of Rule 1, the Gamesmaster will run the game using common sense.
3. If anybody disagrees with Rules 1 and/or 2, your resignation should be in ink, please.

Now. I see you've all taken the trouble to send preference lists of countries desired. Good. Now I'll have my wife do the random draw and we can begin.

I have always used preference lists in a slightly different manner than usual. My purpose is not to give as many players as possible their highest possible choice, but rather to give all players as high a choice as possible. There is a distinct difference. Just for fun, after I'd done assigning countries my way, I went back and plotted the assignments as they would have been had I used the usual preference list method. The results: My way, five first choices, one second, one third. The other way, five firsts, one third, one fourth. I like my way better.

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So here is the list. Use it in ill temper.

AUSTRIA: Eric Ozog. ENGLAND: David Forte. FRANCE: Ted McDonald
GERMANY: James Heubach. ITALY: Michael Willemsen. RUSSIA: Ben Schilling. TURKEY: David Scott.

This is one very poor time to begin a Diplomacy game. I suppose I really ought to wait until January. But the spirit of the game includes backstabbing, so I'm stabbing you all in advance by announcing that Spring 1901 moves were due yesterday and you've all just been replaced. Have fun spending their money, Don.

No go? Okay. The real deadline will be FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1979. For various reasons, but especially because of all the holidays coming - between today and the next time you see this we will have had Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Chanukah, Twelfth Night, the Feast of the Purification at the River Ung, Pearl Harbour Day, Beethoven's Birthday (the man's incredible! - 278 years old and still jogs a mile a day), and the fourth anniversary of the returning of the Tule Elk herd from the San Diego Zoo to their native habitat enclosure at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Anyhoo, please be faithful. Please send me a move. Please do not cock up. A small suggestion: Send me an advance move right this minute; you can always change it before deadline. Better something than nothing, in 1901 at least.

A few administrative points: Miss two moves running and out you go. Press is discouraged, and anything more than a few lines is ignored. I will give you my 'phone numbers and will accept 'phoned moves, but with extreme reluctance and only at specified hours. Anybody violating my 'phone hours list is asked to disembowel himself. My wife will, if need be, take down moves, but boy! is she lousy at it. Good luck, happy stalking, and please don't whimper when you get your butt kicked.

[Watch this corner starting next month for the exciting moves in von Metzke's game.]

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1978CI--THE PRESS GAME

FALL 1903: TUNIS AND ENGLAND FALL.

AUSTRIA Watson (5): F Bul(sc)*→Con, A Tyo* S A Tri*→Ven, A Bud* S A Tri, A Ser*→Bul

CENTERS: home, ser, ~~bel~~, BUL (5) even (A Bud could not support A Tri since it was ENGLAND Winter (2): F Nwg*→Bar, F Ska*→Nwy CTRS: ~~bel, 1/4~~ (0) out // ordered to move.)

FRANCE Schlickbernd (7): F Iri→Lvp*, F Spa(sc)* H, F Lon* S F Bre→Eng*, A Par* S A Bur, A Bel* \$ A Bur, A Dur* S A Bel CTRS: home, por, bel, spa, lon, LVP (8) build 1

GERMANY Reges (5): F Nth→Edi*, A Ruhr* S F Hol*→Bel, A Mun* S A Ruhr, A Den* H

CENTERS: home, den, hol, EDI (6) build 1

ITALY Reynolds (3): F Ion→Tun*, F Adr* S A Ven* H CTRS: home, TUN (4) build 1

RUSSIA Fiack (7): F Nwy* \$ F StP(nc)*→Bar, F Rum* S AUS A Ser→Bul, A Swe* S F Nwy, A Sov* S F Bla*→Arm, A Gal→Ukr* CTRS: home, swe, nwy, rum (7) even

TURKEY Baumcister (4): F Gre* S F Con*→Bul(sc), F Ank* S A Arm, A Arm* \$ F Ank (even)

WINTER 1903 and SPRING 1904 due January 10. Change of address for Craig Reges (Dec 22 through Jan 22) 16W 761 White Pines Rd, Bensenville, IL 60106.

SEVASTOLPOL: Russian strategists are hopeful that their latest moves will break up a potential stalemate in the Balkans. They are quick to point out however that only with the help of their Austrian allies would such a breakthrough be possible.

BERLIN: Schlecpgun put Schlick to Schleep. [Turkey's CTRS: home, ~~bel~~, GRE(4)]

OFF THE COAST OF ENGLAND: Goodby.

ZURICH (by Turkish correspondent): Matterhorn lowered, standard of living raised. Italians can't possibly pass over that in airplanes.

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Answers to YOU BE THE GAMEMASTER (page 4)

- ENGLAND: F Both* & F Fin* S F Bar→StF(nc)
RUSSIA: A StP H /d/ R...., A Mos* S A StP [A unit can only support into a space into which it can move.]
- ENGLAND: F StP(nc)* S F Both→Fin (impossible), F Both*→Fin
RUSSIA: A Fin* H
- FRANCE: A Bel→Lon /d/ R.... [A unit ordered to move cannot be supported in GERMANY: F Nth* S A Hol→Bel* [place even if it move was rendered impossible ITALY: A Dur* S FRE A Bel with no convoying fleet.]
- ITALY: A Tus*→Pic [This actually happened in C&F and I was taken to task for disallowing the move. The player said I should have known he meant to type "Pic". But since there is such a place as Pic I had no choice. Please write out full names.]

Konrad's Korner:

[Last issue I asked for a volunteer to do the analysis of Rod Walker's DARKOVER game. Konrad Baumeister agreed to do so. Here is his analysis on the game up to this season's moves.]

Darkover Analysis

Hi. I'm your friendly game analyst Konrad Baumeister. Since I'm not doing much for C&F nowadays, I thought that I'd seize this opportunity. My pbm record qualifies me for this task: 4 postal wins, a couple of draws, no eliminations, and two more games are currently shaping up into possible wins. But on to the Darkover game.

Austria continues his attack on Russia, doubtlessly expecting Turkish help. C&F #95 states that Turkey had built F Ank so Berch may have been thrown for a curve. Either that, or he was simply putting the old adage "the best defense is a good offense" to good(?) use by attacking. If that was the case, then methinks that he should have attacked Gal with support rather than Rum, since the move he used endangered the safety of Gre, a weakness which Turkey exploited with a Turkish F Aeg. What else could Mark expect? Poor tactical play.

England embarks upon what has become a tough task without Germany's help: the conquest of Russia. However, he fails to note the danger that France's F MAO poses to his rear, and promptly got stabbed. After F02, in which he'll most likely lose a unit, he should try to make peace with Russia for their mutual benefit. England has been taken very much by surprise, and will fold if he continues to fight two enemies.

France, on the other hand, is in a fairly good position, despite the attempted German invasion. He has two assured builds, Lvp and Spa. If he moves out of either Par or Mar, he can build two more units, most likely a fleet and an army. He'll need the army for defense against Germany, who seems hell bent on destroying him. The fleet can be used to seal England's fate. Having Italy on his flank will provide for some loss of sleep, but right now Italy has a problem with Turkey. If Russia can be coerced into alliance with France, long range plans can go wild.

Germany played a very good 1901, but S02 sees him waste his enormous potential. Having almost all units' movement depend on the succeeding of such a move as A Bel-Bur is tactical stupidity!! His fleet means possible trouble for England, which is just what England needs right now. The other units are aimed at France, but could have been put to better use against Russia.

Italy has allied with Austria against Turkey, but his armies languish. Staying In Pic and Ven only get France and Austria nervous, respectively. And now in the Med he has run into a wall. Future gains will not be many.

Russia has moved well enough, but lost Rum to Austria while exposing his northern flank to England. However, he can always get Rum back and England has got to come begging for alliance. This will relieve the north and allow him to look after his Balkan commitments. Austria is under a great deal of pressure, and if the R-T alliance holds, will fall c. 1904. That, coupled with German non-aggression and a possible French alliance (which can take out both England and Germany at once), means that Russia is still a contender for the victory, despite his two fronts.

Lastly, Turkey, Russia's southern ally, has moved as well as can be expected. He took the Grecian gift offered him and now moves on to take possession of Ion and possibly Ser. Right now, Turkey stands in an excellent position. The only thing that can go wrong would be a Russian stab, an unlikelihood in any case. Right now Russia doesn't want a 3rd enemy.

Stay tuned for next month's analysis.

[Unfortunately I didn't receive DARKOVER from Rod in time this month to include it within the magazine. I will run both seasons next time.]



ADDITIONAL PRESS FROM MENSA 9 (page 6)

BERLIN: The Chancellor has announced that English citizens wishing to see Missouri play LSU in the Liberty Bowl should travel directly to Memphis, and not by way of Belgium. A large body of ushers and travel agents have been sent to Belgium to assist the English to Memphis or elsewhere, at their option. Early information that the Liberty Bowl would be played in Brussels was false propaganda spread by Italian Notre Dame fans.

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SUMMER 1903: German A Mun ret Ber, Italy F Tyrr-Ion

FALL 1903: TURKEY DYING, GERMANY REVIVING, ITALY RESIGNS

AUSTRIA Kendter (6): A Mun H /d/ ret tyr, OTB, A Vie→Boh*, A Ser* S A Bul, A Rum→Bud*,
 A Bul* S F Aeg→Con, F Aeg→Con*

ENGLAND Stratton (6): F Nwg* S F Nth, F Nth* S F Nwg, F Den*→Bal, A Kie*→Ber,
 A Hol*→Kie, F Hel* S A Hol→Kie

FRANCE Willemsen (6): A Ruh* S GERMAN A Ber→Mun, A Bur* S GERMAN A Ber→Mun,
 A Mar→Rom*, F Lyon* C A Mar→Rom, F Tyrr* C A Mar→Rom, F Wes* S F Tyrr

GERMANY Fiack (2): A Ven* S FRENCH A Mar→Rom, A Ber→Mun*

ITALY Hudec (res) (4): F EMed*→Smy, F Ion* C A Tun→Nap, A Tun→Nap*, A Tus*→Rom

RUSSIA Bassett (6): F Bal* S A Pru→Ber, A Fru*→Ber, A Sil* S AUSTRIAN A Mun H,
 A Arm* S F Bla→Ank, F Bla→Ank*, F Sev→Bla*

TURKEY (4, 1 short) Goldston: F Smy*→Aeg, F Con→Aeg /annih/, A Ank→Arm /annih/

CENTERS:

Austria: Home, Sor, Gre, ~~Mun~~, BUL, CON (7) Build 1 (2 if A Mun ret OTB)

England: Home, Nwy, Hol, Den, KIE (7) Build 1

France: Home, Bel, Spa, Por, ROM (7) Build 1

Germany: Ber, ~~Kie~~, MUN, VEN (3) Build 1

Italy: Nap, Tun, ~~Nap~~, ~~Rom~~ (2) Remove 1 (EMed)

Russia: Home, Rum, Swe, ANK (7) Build 1

Turkey: Smy, ~~Bal~~, ~~Ank~~, ~~Arm~~ (1) Even

FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE (so far no snow!!): Mike Hudec has had to resign because of work pressures. I thank him for the courtesy of keeping the moves coming. Italy will go into Civil Disorder. With the Holiday season on us, and with six countries having builds and removals, I shall call for a separate build season for Winter 1904. Orders due my place January 7, 1979.



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"We have a copy of the mag, "Outdoor California," whose review of the book, 'Edible and Useful Plants of California' (UC Press), concludes with 'The author has erred in including pictures of poison hemlock and death ~~camas~~ with the edible plants.' However, this paperback is an excellent first-time investment. And last?"

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